
WHITEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Financial and Administrative Services Director Rachelle Blich

FROM: Administrative Captain Adam Vander Steeg

SUBJECT: Yolanda Ramirez - Restitution Request from City of Whitewater

DATE: February 6, 2024

CC: Chief Daniel Meyer, SSM Sabrina Ojibway

In reference to the restitution request the City of Whitewater received from Yolanda Ramirez on or around January 30th, 2024, in the amount of \$12,500 for her property located at 363 S. Janesville Street, the following is a summary of the incident, reference Whitewater Police Department call for service number 23-010510.

On 10/15/2023, at approximately 10:23pm, Officers from the City of Whitewater Police Department responded to 363 S. Janesville Street, located in the City of Whitewater, County of Walworth, State of Wisconsin; reference a report of a victim being held against their will for three consecutive days by a suspect identified as Yefferson Guzman Rodriguez. It became known that the suspect was potentially barricaded inside the residence with an assault rifle, knowing law enforcement was attempting to take him into custody. After residents inside the house refused to comply with demands of exiting the house, tactical teams responded and used an armored vehicle to safely breach the exterior garage and the residence. Detailed police reports were completed on this incident, but are unable to be released at this time due to this being an open criminal case. The suspect, Yefferson Guzman Rodriguez has pending criminal charges through the Walworth County District Attorneys office for: False Imprisonment, Strangulation and Suffocation, Battery and Disorderly Conduct.

In this incident, damaged was caused to the residence of 363 S. Janesville Street by law enforcement during the apprehension of the defendant, Yefferson Guzman Rodriguez. It should be noted that at the time of this incident, the defendant, Yefferson Guzman Rodriguez was a tenant of this property in question, renting the property through Yolanda Ramirez. With that, the proper recourse for Yolanda Ramirez would be to request restitution through the Victim/Witness Program of the Walworth County District Attorney's Office which the judge is then able to court order the defendant, Yefferson Guzman Rodriguez, to pay for the loss/damage amount to Yolanda Ramirez. If the judge refuses to court order the restitution through criminal proceedings, Yolanda Ramirez could collect restitution through small claims or a civil action against Yefferson Guzman Rodriguez herself. It is also common practice that

Yolanda Ramirez prove her true loss amount during this process, by providing receipts or certified quotes to justify the amount of restitution requested (as documented on the restitution form provided to Yolanda Ramirez). Additionally, Yolanda Ramirez is required to certify on the Restitution Form and in future court proceedings that she has not received any monetary restitution by other means, such as her homeowner's insurance company. If a claim was made by Yolanda Ramirez to her homeowner's insurance company for restitution, then the insurance company would be considered the victim as they would be the one out monetarily. At that point, the insurance company would be required to file for restitution with the Walworth County Victim/Witness Program.

On this date, 02/06/2024, I, Captain Vander Steeg, completed another Walworth County Victim/Witness Restitution Request form and had our patrol officers provide Yolanda Ramirez with directions on how to properly complete the form, provide receipts/certified quotes substantiating the loss amount she is claiming, and where the form needs to be returned to, ensuring a claim has not already been filed with insurance.

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